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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101 **CONCERNING THE CREATION OF A TAXICAB LICENSE PLATE FOR**  
102 **MOTOR VEHICLES AUTHORIZED TO PROVIDE TAXICAB SERVICES.**

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**Bill Summary**

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries>.)*

**Section 2** of the bill creates a taxicab license plate. A taxicab service will be required to use the plate, but a motor vehicle may only display the plate if its owner or lessee is authorized to provide taxicab service. **Section 1** directs the public utilities commission to notify taxicab providers of the bill's requirements and to provide verification of the

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.*  
*Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

provider's status. **Section 3** clarifies that the taxicab license plate is to be used if the vehicle is both a taxicab and a luxury limousine.

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1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** Article 10 of title 40, Colorado Revised Statutes, is  
3 amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION to read:

4 **40-10-121. Taxicab license plates - rules - repeal.** (1) (a) THE  
5 COMMISSION SHALL EITHER:

6 (I) CREATE A DOCUMENT THAT A PERSON AUTHORIZED TO PROVIDE  
7 TAXICAB SERVICES UNDER THIS ARTICLE MAY USE TO VERIFY TO THE  
8 DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE OR THE DEPARTMENT'S AUTHORIZED AGENT  
9 THAT THE PERSON IS SO AUTHORIZED; OR

10 (II) CREATE A SYSTEM TO ELECTRONICALLY VERIFY TO THE  
11 DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE OR THE DEPARTMENT'S AUTHORIZED AGENT  
12 THAT THE PERSON IS AUTHORIZED TO PROVIDE TAXICAB SERVICES UNDER  
13 THIS ARTICLE.

14 (b) UPON REQUEST, THE COMMISSION SHALL PROVIDE THE  
15 DOCUMENT TO THE PERSON WITH SUCH AUTHORITY OR THE ELECTRONIC  
16 VERIFICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE OR THE DEPARTMENT'S  
17 AUTHORIZED AGENT.

18 (2) THE COMMISSION MAY PROMULGATE RULES TO IMPLEMENT  
19 THIS SECTION AND TO ENFORCE SECTION 42-3-236, C.R.S.

20 (3) (a) BY JANUARY 1, 2012, THE COMMISSION SHALL NOTIFY EACH  
21 PERSON AUTHORIZED TO PROVIDE TAXICAB SERVICES UNDER THIS ARTICLE  
22 OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 42-3-236, C.R.S.

23 (b) THIS SUBSECTION (3) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012.

24 **SECTION 2.** Part 2 of article 3 of title 42, Colorado Revised  
25 Statutes, is amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION to

1 read:

2 **42-3-236. Taxicab license plates - taxicabs - repeal.** (1) THE  
3 TAXICAB LICENSE PLATE IS HEREBY ESTABLISHED. THE PLATE CONSISTS  
4 OF BLACK LETTERS ON A YELLOW BACKGROUND AND FEATURES THE  
5 WORDS "COLORADO" ACROSS THE TOP AND "TAXICAB" ACROSS THE  
6 BOTTOM OF THE PLATE.

7 (2) A PERSON WHO IS AUTHORIZED TO PROVIDE TAXICAB SERVICE  
8 UNDER ARTICLE 10 OF TITLE 40, C.R.S., SHALL REGISTER A MOTOR  
9 VEHICLE USED FOR TAXICAB PURPOSES UNDER THIS ARTICLE AND DISPLAY  
10 TAXICAB LICENSE PLATES ON THE VEHICLE. UPON REGISTRATION, THE  
11 DEPARTMENT SHALL ISSUE TAXICAB LICENSE PLATES FOR THE VEHICLE IN  
12 ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL NOT ISSUE A  
13 TAXICAB LICENSE PLATE UNLESS THE PERSON EITHER SUBMITS A  
14 VERIFICATION DOCUMENT OR THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
15 ELECTRONICALLY VERIFIES THE AUTHORIZATION, AS PROVIDED IN SECTION  
16 40-10-121, C.R.S.

17 (3) A PERSON PROVIDING TAXICAB SERVICES USING A MOTOR  
18 VEHICLE THAT WAS REGISTERED ON JANUARY 1, 2012, IS NOT REQUIRED  
19 TO OBTAIN TAXICAB LICENSE PLATES UNTIL THE VEHICLE IS SCHEDULED  
20 FOR RENEWAL OF THE CURRENT REGISTRATION. UPON RENEWING A  
21 REGISTRATION FOR A TAXICAB REGISTERED UNDER THIS ARTICLE, THE  
22 DEPARTMENT SHALL ISSUE TAXICAB LICENSE PLATES FOR THE VEHICLE IN  
23 ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION. THIS SUBSECTION (3) IS REPEALED,  
24 EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2013.

25 (4) A PERSON SHALL NOT OPERATE A MOTOR VEHICLE WITH A  
26 TAXICAB LICENSE PLATE OR TEMPORARY TAXICAB LICENSE PLATE UNLESS  
27 THE MOTOR VEHICLE TO WHICH THE PLATES ARE ATTACHED IS REQUIRED

1 BY SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION TO BEAR TAXICAB LICENSE PLATES.

2 (5) IF THE PERSON WHO OWNS THE MOTOR VEHICLE WITH TAXICAB  
3 LICENSE PLATES IS NOT THE PERSON UNDER WHOSE AUTHORITY THE  
4 MOTOR VEHICLE OPERATES UNDER ARTICLE 10 OF TITLE 40, C.R.S., THE  
5 PERSON WITH THE AUTHORITY MAY REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF  
6 REVENUE REQUIRE THE PLATE TO BE REPLACED. WITHIN THIRTY DAYS  
7 AFTER RECEIVING THE REQUEST, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REQUIRE THE  
8 OWNER OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE TO RETURN THE TAXICAB LICENSE PLATE  
9 AND BE ISSUED A NEW LICENSE PLATE. THE OWNER OF THE MOTOR  
10 VEHICLE SHALL SURRENDER THE TAXICAB LICENSE PLATE TO THE  
11 DEPARTMENT WITHIN TEN DAYS AFTER RECEIVING NOTICE FROM THE  
12 DEPARTMENT UNLESS THE OWNER OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE OBTAINS  
13 AUTHORITY TO OPERATE A TAXICAB UNDER ARTICLE 10 OF TITLE 40,  
14 C.R.S., EITHER DIRECTLY OR AS AN AGENT, AND EITHER THE PERSON  
15 SUBMITS A VERIFICATION DOCUMENT OR THE PUBLIC UTILITIES  
16 COMMISSION ELECTRONICALLY VERIFIES THE AUTHORIZATION, AS  
17 PROVIDED IN SECTION 40-10-121, C.R.S.

18 (6) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION COMMITS A CLASS B  
19 TRAFFIC INFRACTION, PUNISHABLE BY A FINE OF SEVENTY-FIVE DOLLARS.

20 (7) THIS SECTION IS EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2012.

21 **SECTION 3.** 42-3-235 (2) (a), Colorado Revised Statutes, is  
22 amended, and the said 42-3-235 (2) is further amended BY THE  
23 ADDITION OF A NEW PARAGRAPH, to read:

24 **42-3-235. Livery license plates - luxury limousines - repeal.**  
25 (2) (a) Except as provided in ~~paragraph~~ PARAGRAPHS (b) TO (d) of this  
26 subsection (2), a person providing luxury limousine service under article  
27 16 of title 40, C.R.S., shall register the motor vehicle used for such

1 purposes pursuant to this article and display livery license plates on the  
2 vehicle. Upon such registration, the department shall issue livery license  
3 plates for the vehicles in accordance with this section. The department  
4 shall not issue a livery license plate unless the person either submits a  
5 verification document issued pursuant to section 40-16-111, C.R.S., or the  
6 public utilities commission electronically verifies the authorization to  
7 provide luxury limousine service under section 40-16-111, C.R.S.

8 (d) IF A MOTOR VEHICLE IS USED TO PROVIDE BOTH TAXICAB  
9 SERVICES AND LUXURY LIMOUSINE SERVICES, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL  
10 ISSUE THE MOTOR VEHICLE A TAXICAB LICENSE PLATE IN ACCORDANCE  
11 WITH SECTION 42-3-236.

12 **SECTION 4. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
13 shall take effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
14 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August  
15 10, 2011, if adjournment sine die is on May 11, 2011); except that, if a  
16 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the  
17 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act  
18 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part shall not take effect  
19 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
20 November 2012 and shall take effect on the date of the official  
21 declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.